

SOVIET PERCEPTIONS OF THE SDI

WHY THEY DISLIKE IT:

- O SURPRISE; CHANGE IN U.S. DEFENSE POLICY
- O POTENTIAL THREAT/POSSIBLE EROSION OF SOVIET OFFENSIVE FORCE CAPABILITIES; "FEAR OF U.S. FIRST-STRIKE"
- O MOBILIZATION OF U.S. RESEARCH AND INDUSTRIAL COMMUNITY, WITH ADVANCES/BREAKTHROUGHS IN IMPORTANT MILITARY/CIVILIAN TECHNOLOGIES
- O FORCED TECHNOLOGICAL COMPETITION IN AREAS OF SOVIET WEAKNESS
- O UPSET OF SOVIET DEFENSE PLANS, SCHEDULES
- O COSTS; FORCED EXPENDITURE OF SCARCE RESOURCES FOR COUNTERMEASURES/COUNTERPART RESEARCH; NEED FOR SOVIET
 - ECONOMIC EXPANSION
 - CONSUMER GOODS AND SERVICES
 - MILITARY FORCE MODERNIZATION

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